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Celebrated at the National Capital in the Usual Manner.

THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

A Beautiful Affair--The President and Mrs. Harrison Assisted by the Ladies of the Cabinet--Their Costumes Described--The Customary Rules Followed--Other Washington News of Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.--Although the custom has fallen into disuse elsewhere, here in Washington the social and official observance of New Year calling is maintained. The weather was favorable, the air being perfect with the breath of wind.

The chief events of the forenoon were the breakfast to the diplomatic corps by Secretary Blaine, and the reception by the President and Mrs. Harrison and the wives of the members of the cabinet. The interior of the White House had been elaborately decorated for the reception, and the darkened rooms shone with the glare of numerous electric lights. Palms, flowers, and potted plants were banked in the east room and the corridors leading from it. The President and Mrs. Harrison were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Rusk, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wanamaker. Mrs. Blaine was unable to be present because of ill health.

A large number of ladies were specially invited to be present to assist in entertaining such of the guests as were asked. Among them were Miss Blaine, Miss Foster, Miss Elkins, Miss Wanamaker, Miss Rusk, Miss Halstead, Mrs. J. A. Logan, Mrs. J. R. McLean, Mrs. William A. Peffer, Mrs. W. N. Folger.

A BRILLIANT SCENE.

The Marine band discoursed music throughout the reception. The reception began promptly at 11 o'clock and the entrance of the presidential party was announced by the familiar air, "Hail to the Chief." The Vice President and Mrs. Morton and all the members of the cabinet with the ladies of their families were the earliest arrivals. Secretary Elkins met with the cabinet for the first time, and he and Secretary Foster were greeted with special cordiality. The diplomatic corps turned out in full force to pay their respects. The members were in court dress with gold lace, rich decorations, etc.

THE CABINET LADIES' COSTUMES.

Mrs. Harrison's gown was of pomegranate satin, with broad border in different colored flowers. The front of the skirt was yellow satin, draped in lace and embroidered in amber. The waist was made with open neck. She wore diamonds and carried a point lace fan and a bunch of orchids.

Mrs. Morton wore a superb costume of old rose satin, brocaded in wavy lines. It was richly trimmed with passementerie and a beaded fringe of the same color.

Mrs. Elkins had on a light yellow satin, very richly trimmed with yellow passementerie and lace. It was slightly open at the neck and had yellow sleeves. Her jewels were pearls.

Mrs. Miller wore velvet combined with mousseline. The long train was made of dark silk, real lace trimmed. Mrs. Wanamaker wore a French toilet of deep satin brocaded in white, wavy lines. It had points formed of real lace down each side of the train. The body was slightly open at the neck and trimmed with real lace.

Mrs. Noble wore a trained gown of yellow brocade, high necked, and was trimmed with real lace and jet pendants.

Mrs. Rusk wore a grey and pink brocade satin. It had a jacket body with a vest of pink crepe.

Mrs. Foster wore a silver gray silk.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

At 11:25 a. m. the Congress of the United States was received. Senators Dawes and Teller headed the congressional line and General John W. Foster was a special representative of the state department. The army, navy and marine corps were represented by all officers of these services stationed at or near the capital. General Miles, of Chicago, and General Wheeler, of Omaha, were the only officers of prominence who came from a distance. General Schofield was at the head of the army line and Commodore Ramsay the navy.

The officers were all in full dress uniforms and made a gorgeous appearance.

OTHER RECEPTIONS.

The Vice President and Mrs. Morton received at their elegant residence from 12 o'clock. In accordance with the United States custom, the secretary of state gave a breakfast in honor of the members of the diplomatic corps immediately after they had paid their respects to the President.

Mrs. Blaine was unable to be present by reason of ill health and was represented by Miss Blaine. The breakfast was followed by a reception, which was largely attended.

West Virginians at the Reception.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.--Secretary and Mrs. Elkins were among the cabinet officers and their wives who assisted the President and Mrs. Harrison at their New Year's reception to-day. Mrs. Elkins was attired in a splendid dress of butterfly silk, made with a V-shaped opening back and front that was edged by a broad band of pearls, elbow sleeves, and there was a court train at the back. Mrs. Elkins did not receive callers, as she left this afternoon for New York after the White House reception. When she returns Miss Elkins will come with her, and by that time Secretary Elkins may have decided upon a residence here.

Senator and Mrs. Kenna (and Miss Kenna) were the only congressional representatives of West Virginia at the reception.

His New Year's Present.

WINSTON, Vt., Jan. 1.--Stephen H. Bell, who murdered his wife in Fairfax, December 26, 1889, was hanged in the state prison here at 2:20 this p. m.

WHERE IS YOUNG WARREN?

Mysterious Disappearance of the Captain of the Princeton Football Team.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.--The sudden and mysterious disappearance of the Princeton football captain, Ralph Warren, perplexes the police and is a source of the greatest anxiety to his relatives and friends in New York and Washington. There is probably not a student at Princeton who is more generally known throughout the whole country than young Warren, on account of his prominent connection with the famous football team. Mr. Warren, after a season of hard study and severe physical exercise in the gymnasium, came to Washington with his classmate, a son of George B. Frazier, who lives at 2013 Hillyer place, to spend the holidays. Ever since the last football game in which Princeton participated, Mr. Warren has suffered from injuries received on the field.

Young Warren and his classmate arrived in Washington several days ago and went at once to the Frazier residence. They attended the concert given by the Princeton Glee Club Monday night and went home together early. At that hour young Warren seemed perfectly rational. About 6 o'clock the next morning the butler noticed Warren going out without his overcoat and remarked to him: "You had better take your overcoat, sir; it is cold."

"No," replied Warren, "I'm going for a short, brisk walk and will return presently."

The butler noticed that Warren turned to the right toward Twenty-first street, which would take him out of town. No definite clue has as yet been obtained. Foul play is feared, but suggestion is also made that the injuries received by Mr. Warren in the football game finally affected his brain, and that he wandered away somewhat confused in mind.

LATER--A New York dispatch says: The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Ralph H. Warren has been settled. The young man walked into his residence in this city at 6:30 o'clock this evening. He was first met by his mother, whom he greeted affectionately and apparently was little disturbed by the sensation his disappearance had caused. His uncle said they hoped that with rest and quiet he would come round again all right.

STEWART TO HILL

The Silver Champion Accuses the New Yorker of Falling into a Trap Set by the "Gold Bugs."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.--Senator Stewart, of Nevada, has written a letter to Senator David B. Hill, in reply to the speech made by Governor Hill yesterday in Albany. Senator Stewart asks Senator Hill if he is in favor of free bi-metallic coinage on the ratio now established by law why does he take pains to repudiate Nevada, which is and always has been in favor of the remonetization of silver. Of that passage of the speech assuring Mr. Bland of the respect, admiration and support of the Democracy of New York if he will move the repeal of the present law, the letter says:

"Are you aware, Mr. Hill, that this is the old story; that the people of the south and west have been assured ever since silver was rejected as worthy of the respect and admiration of the New York Democracy, if they would cooperate with the representatives of the gold trust in contracting the real money of the world to gold alone?"

"In a recent speech at Elmira, you advocated free bi-metallic coinage. In your Albany speech on New Year's eve, you advocated the repeal of the act of 1890, which gives the people more money, by the difference between silver certificates issued on the coin of 20,000,000 dollars worth of silver per annum, and the amount of treasury notes issued in the purchase of fifty-four million ounces of silver bullion each year."

The letter then says that the present silver act must inevitably lead to bi-metallic coinage to prevent the depreciation of silver, and he asserts that it is because of a recognition of this fact that the gold men, to prevent the passage of the free coinage act, propose the repeal of the law of 1890. Senator Stewart adds:

"I am sorry, if you are really in favor of free bi-metallic coinage, as declared in your Elmira speech, that you have fallen into the trap set by the gold trust, and are now willing to aid them in their efforts to confine the real money of the world to gold alone."

Father Reynolds's Farewell Sermon.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 1.--Rev. Father Reynolds, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church of this place, and also of the Collier's church, this morning preached his farewell sermon to an unusually large audience. For the past five and one-half years Father Reynolds has labored here faithfully. He goes to Wheeling to assist Rt. Rev. Father Sullivan at the cathedral. Rev. Father Duffy, brother of the state auditor, will fill Father Reynolds's place here.

Miller-Erskine.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 1.--Mr. Stephen Miller, a prominent young gentleman of Steubenville, Ohio, and Miss Ida Erskine, of this place, were last night united in marriage. Rev. G. W. Shields officiating. The wedding was a private one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties witnessing it. The couple left on the 10:45 train on a wedding tour, after which they will go to housekeeping in Steubenville, where the groom has a handsomely furnished residence.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

Fire at Jeannette, Pa. Destroyed a dozen buildings, including Clay avenue hotel and several stores and dwellings. Loss \$80,000.

John Studdler celebrated New Year's at St. Louis by murdering Anthony Geitz, with whom he had a dispute, and is in jail.

King George, of Greece, who had the small pox, has recovered.

Another native war in New South Wales is imminent.

London contains about 220,000 foreigners. The Germans number 62,000, Americans 50,000, French 30,000, Dutch 15,000, Poles 12,000, Italians 8,000 and Swiss 5,000.

THE OHIO CONTEST.

Sherman and Foraker Stand About Even at Present.

WITH ABOUT A DOZEN MEMBERS.

Whose Preferences Are Unknown, to Hear from--The Doubtful Ones Must Soon Declare Themselves, and the Winner May be Known Before a Caucus is Held--Chairman Hahn is Confident of Sherman's Election. Foraker Creates a Sensation.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.--It looks to-day as though the solution of the Ohio senatorial contest may be known to the nation within a day or two, despite the fact that the Republican senatorial caucus is fully ten days off. Of the ninety-three Republican members, all but about a dozen have already declared themselves, and as these declarations leave Senator Sherman and ex-Governor Foraker about even in strength the public anxiety is becoming so intense that the doubtful must soon publicly declare themselves and thus solve the contest, leaving the caucus merely a formal affair and its result a final conclusion. An Associated Press correspondent saw Senator Sherman and ex-Governor Foraker, but neither cared to give definite figures. The all-important event of the day has been the general protest of Mr. Foraker's friends against the alleged interference of the office-holders of the national administration in the interest of Senator Sherman.

BOTH ARE RETICENT.

So far as the candidates themselves are concerned, each seems equally confident of winning. Neither cares to give figures, and both refer the interview to some trusted lieutenant when details are demanded.

"The press must excuse me from anything in the way of an interview," said ex-Governor Foraker pleasantly, "as I have preferred all along to say little as possible for publication. There is nothing in the situation to-day to alter my hopefulness as to the outcome. My friends can probably give you more details as to men and figures than I can."

The friends of the ex-governor expressed the greatest confidence in his ultimate success and insisted that they had assurances of support from more than half the members-elect.

A visit to the Sherman headquarters late to-night found his followers equally cheerful in the assurance of success. "We are not giving figures or names," said Chairman Hahn, of the State Central Committee, who is Senator Sherman's chief lieutenant, "but we claim the nomination of John Sherman. We already have pledges enough to warrant this statement and expect an increased strength from the few remaining doubtful members."

The doubt surrounding the position of Mr. Thomas, of Stark county, whose nomination is said to have been due to the Foraker influence, leads many persons to believe that the gentleman's actions are due to the influence of Major McKinley, and that the governor-elect is lending a hand in a quiet way against Governor Foraker.

This story was promptly checked to-night by Mr. Cox, Foraker's Cincinnati manager. "This report does an injustice to Governor McKinley," said he, "and I want to say now that Mr. Foraker and his friends do not hold McKinley responsible for Thomas's actions. We believe the governor has maintained throughout a position of strict neutrality and he should not be hastily accused of interference. He has been fair and frank and has taken no part."

This afternoon a delegation of Cleveland citizens, headed by Mr. Bradner, called upon Mr. Foraker in a body and assured him that he had many friends in Cuyahoga county, and that he would receive the support of at least a portion of their assemblymen.

A SENSATIONAL TURN.

The senatorial contest unexpectedly took a sensational turn to-night when ex-Governor Foraker made a speech criticizing the interference of the national administration, and declaring for James G. Blaine for the presidency.

The speech was made at the Neil house, the ex-governor's headquarters. Among other things he said: "We have in this fight, to contend upon one side against everything, as I once said before, from grandfather's hat to baby McKee, [Cheers] but against all we shall win the fight. [Applause] I don't want the support of any man who would not rather have John Sherman to be re-elected than any Democrat on the face of the earth. [Tremendous applause]"

"I have been favoring Senator Sherman myself for the last thirty years. He has been a great man, and is a great man yet. He has rendered distinguished services. His record is illustrious. He is all that is implied by the term 'grand.' [Applause] But, my fellow citizens, if the Republicans of Ohio should happen to take a notion to say he has been long enough, and to have me go there to take his place, I am not going to stand in the way of their doing so. [Applause]"

"Our present President has given us a good administration, but if the people of Ohio should take a notion that James G. Blaine should be the nominee [great applause] we will try and accept that, too, and if he should be named we will triumphantly elect him. [Cheers] And when he shall have been elected we will have in the white house the greatest of all living Americans." [Tremendous applause.]

The Keely Treatment Didn't Cure Him.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 1.--Ex-Congressman Thomas B. Ward died at Plainfield, Ind., at an early hour this morning. Mr. Ward, several months ago, returned from Dwight, where he had taken the bi-chloride treatment. About two weeks ago he became despondent and resumed his old habits. Thursday morning he went to Plainfield but had not taken treatment.

Two originals of the certificates of cures effected by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla are kept on file at the office of the J. C. Ayer Company, Lowell, Mass. Probably no similar establishment in the world can exhibit such a mass of valuable and convincing testimony.

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SENATOR PLUMB'S SUCCESSOR.

Bishop W. Perkins Appointed by Gov. Humphreys--The Appointment Gives General Satisfaction.

TOPEKA, KAN., Jan. 1.--Gov. Humphreys this evening appointed ex-Congressman Perkins United States senator, to fill Senator Plumb's unexpired term.

The commission was signed at 5:10 o'clock and immediately taken to Mr. Perkins. The news spread rapidly throughout the city, and in a brief time a large number of citizens gathered at the hotel, irrespective of political belief, and offered Mr. Perkins their congratulations.

The appointment gives general satisfaction and will, it is thought, have the effect of solidifying the opposing factions in the Republican party in a platform that will present a solid front to the enemy at the next election.

Bishop W. Perkins was born at Rochester, Ohio, and was 59 years old October 18 last. He was educated in the public schools, and at Knox college, Galesburg, Ill. After leaving college, he went to Colorado and, on his return in 1862, enlisted in company D, 83rd Illinois volunteer infantry.

After being admitted to the bar in 1867, he located at Pierceton, Ind., where he remained until he came to Oswego, Kan., in April, 1868. The same year he was appointed county attorney and the following year probate judge, which office he held until February, 1873, when he was elected judge of the Eleventh judicial district. He was re-elected in 1874 and 1878, and in November, 1882, was elected a member of Congress.

A CARLOAD OF "SCABS"

Ejected By Strikers at Argenta--Driven Into a Swamp.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Jan. 1.--There is great excitement in railroad circles here to-day over the ejection of a carload of "scab" railway employees at Argenta, who were en route from Indianapolis and St. Louis to Arkansas Pass to relieve the strike on the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass railway.

Conductor McElroy, who had charge of the train carrying the special Southern Pacific sleeper in which the party was traveling, received a telegram at a point above Poplar Bluffs signed by Roadmaster Green, at Argenta, asking him to cut out the car at Poplar Bluffs. The order seemed so unaccountable that McElroy telegraphed back to Green for further orders. Green was astonished at the inquiry, being utterly ignorant of such an order, and telegraphed McElroy to bring the car on to Argenta. At 10:30 this morning a crowd of several hundred men, chiefly railroad employees, were at the Fort Smith and Iron Mountain crossing when the "cannon ball" from St. Louis steamed in. No sooner had the train arrived when a burly man with a big slouch hat cried out to the crowd, "Cut the hose and we'll drop the car out."

A hundred men rushed to do his bidding, the hose was cut and the car, with another sleeper, were cut out. When the train started for Little Rock, the mob having neglected to cut the bell cord, the engineer's bell rang and he stopped the train. By this time all the engine whistles in the yard began to blow and it seemed that bedlam had broken loose. A hundred men rushed into the fated sleeper, driving the occupants, some forty telegraph operators, machinists and brakemen, thoroughly alarmed, from the car and into the swamp a hundred feet beyond. Most of them were driven into a pond through which they floundered, followed by their infuriated pursuers.

J. H. Littlefield, who was in charge of the party of scabs, and several of his companions who escaped the mob, having taken refuge in the rear sleeper, took a train for Texas, while the other members of the party are hidden in the swamps awaiting an opportunity to escape.

FLOSS'S RUN-OFF.

A Huntington, West Virginia, Girl Who Found Out a Thing or Two.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Jan. 1.--Last Monday Florence Lusher, a beautiful young girl of this city, left home very mysteriously, leaving no trace of her whereabouts.

Her parents used every effort to locate her, but failed in the attempt. Last evening there came a gentle tapping on the outer door of the home of Mr. Lusher, and on going to the door the father was overjoyed at beholding his daughter standing there. She had come home to be forgiven for having gone away without asking permission.

The runaway girl had not gone further than Hinton, and there she discovered that this thing of leaving home without a considerable quantity of the wherewithal is not all it is cracked up to be--hence her determination to return. The girl is but 16 years old, but is well developed and looks much older. She is said to be stuck on the stage, but for the present she will do soubrette in the realistic melodrama entitled "Getting Dinner for Papa."

Arrival of the Charleston.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Jan. 1.--The cruiser Charleston arrived and anchored near Hotel de Coronado yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Admiral Brown, of the cruiser San Francisco, received word that the Charleston would come into the harbor to-day. The Charleston anchored so far out that no communication could be had with her officers.

Indiana Miners at Work.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., Jan. 1.--The indications pointing to a renewal of the strike in the bituminous coal regions have almost entirely disappeared. The trouble in the interior district has been amicably settled, and every bituminous miner in the state, with the exception of about 300, is working.

Aid for Suffering Russians.

BOSTON, Jan. 1.--Governor Russell has issued an appeal to the citizens of Massachusetts asking them to come to the aid of the famine sufferers in Russia, and has appointed a committee, with Bishop Philip Brooks at the head, to receive contributions.

Showman James Cooper Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 1.--James Cooper, proprietor of the Adam Forepaugh shows, died at his residence in this city this morning of inflammation of the stomach. He was born in Philadelphia November 1, 1832.

IT GROWS SERIOUS.

Garza's Uprising Greeting Alarm on the Texas Border.

FATE OF UNITED STATES TROOPS

Who Were Concentrated on the Border Unknown and the Officers Feel Great Anxiety--Telegraphic Communication Cut Off--It is Feared Our Soldiers Have Had a Fight With the Mexican Rebel and Have Been Slaughtered.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 1.--The alarm on the border over the Garza revolutionary uprising is becoming intense. There are many startling rumors in circulation concerning the fate of the United States troops that are concentrated in Starr and Duval counties, in which section Garza has established his principal states. He is known to have a force of 500 desperate men, and if the 1,000 Mexican troops who are reported to have murdered and deserted General Lorenzo Garcia, commander at Meir, Mexico, have made their way to Garcia's stronghold on the Texas side, their united forces would give Captain John G. Bourke and his 150 United States troops a hard fight. General Stanley and the other military authorities are very uneasy over not receiving any information from the scene of war during the past forty-eight hours.

In addition it is believed the poor telegraph service on the border has been paralyzed by the wires being cut. It is not known, from this fact, whether an engagement has occurred or not. To-day General Stanley issued orders for troops D and K, Third cavalry, to proceed from this point at once to Fort McIntosh. This makes four troops of cavalry sent from this point and swells the total number of United States troops in the turbulent territory to about 1,000. Garza has spies in this city who keep him duly posted of every maneuver in the troops, and if the rumored revolt of the Mexican soldiers at Meir to join his standard proves correct, it is believed that the population of Northern Mexico will flock to his standard rapidly. The recent persecutions of the Catholic clergymen has heightened the disaffection toward the Diaz government.

Late this afternoon news was received of another engagement between Garza's men and the United States troops, and rangers who have been in pursuit for several days. Nothing further could be learned.

ARRIVED AT VALPARAISO.

The Yorktown Reaches the Chilean Capital--The Boston Due Shortly.

VALPARAISO, Jan. 1.--The United States gunboat Yorktown arrived here on November 30. She saluted the Chilean flag and also the admiral of the German squadron on entering port. She anchored close to the Baltimore, about a mile off shore. The United States cruiser Boston left Montevideo several days ago and is expected here within the week.

Owing to the pressure which was brought to bear by the United States government, the Chilean authorities are making a more searching investigation of the attack on the Baltimore's sailors on October 16 last. This investigation is still in progress before the judge of the court of crime in Valparaiso.

The Chilean government has given no intimation that it intends to release the refugees, or grant them safe conduct. An incident occurred a few days ago, which shows with what zeal the refugees are being watched. A deputy was seen to leave the house of a Balmacedan and was arrested. It was with difficulty that he established his identity.

A LOCKOUT IN WALES.

Eighty-five Thousand Miners May Have Their Wages Reduced.

LONDON, Jan. 1.--Some time since the mine owners in South Wales announced to the men that they had decided to do away with the scale system and that after January first they would hire their men individually. This was taken by the men to mean that there would be a material reduction in wages and there was consequently much dissatisfaction among the miners. The contracts under which the men were working expired yesterday and to-day 85,000 miners in South Wales are idle. The master action is virtually a lockout and the men have appointed delegates to wait upon the coal mine owners to attempt to bring about a settlement of the trouble. The most intense excitement prevails in the neighborhood of the collieries and it is feared that there may be trouble unless some arrangements are speedily made.

LATER--The South Wales mining conference to-day satisfactorily settled the sliding scale difficulty, and work will be resumed immediately.

TERRIBLE EPIDEMIC

Of Smallpox and Yellow Fever--Two-thirds of the Cases Fatal.

LONDON, Jan. 1.--Lord Salisbury received to-day a special cable dispatch from Her Majesty's consul at Santos, confirming the recent alarming reports in regard to the terrible state of affairs there, growing out of the ravages of combined yellow fever and smallpox. Eighteen captains of merchant vessels have died either from the black or smallpox within two months. On some vessels, the entire ship's company, officers and crew have perished from these awful maladies. Seven sailors died in the streets, so quickly fatal has been the shafts of disease. It is estimated that at least two-thirds of the cases have been fatal. The great majority of the victims are emigrants and sailors.

King Leopold III.

LONDON, Jan. 1.--King Leopold, of Belgium, is suffering from influenza. Many deaths from influenza have occurred in Vienna during the week, and business is suffering in consequence of the ravages of the epidemic.

A Grip Sufferer.

PARIS, Jan. 1.--Dr. Chereul, the distinguished French physician, is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

WELL KNOWN MAN DEAD.

Ex-Cashier Gould, of the Farmers' Bank of Fairmont, Dies at His Home.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Jan. 1.--Jacob N. Gould, ex-cashier of the Farmers' Bank, died to-day at 12:30 of pneumonia at the residence of his mother. Mr. Gould was a prominent citizen of this county, and his many friends will learn with regret of his sudden death. For many years he was connected with the First National Bank here, and was well known in Wheeling and throughout the state.

Fairmont Notes.

FAIRMONT, Jan. 1.--A serious accident occurred yesterday at the Montana mines that will probably result in the death of one man. Samuel Hayhurst and another miner were shearing down coal, when without warning the coal fell on the former, crushing and injuring him in such a manner that his recovery is doubtful. His fellow workman escaped injury.

The surveyor of the B. & O. railroad has been here for the past three days looking over the ground and making a plat of the proposed changes. It is the intention of the company to build a double track from Gaston Junction to Uzbarn, a distance of about two miles, which will enable the Monongahela river trains to run into town without using the main track. Several additional tracks will also be built to facilitate the handling of the large amount of freight that collects at this depot.

Anna Shaffer, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sprigg Sands, of Clarksville, died at the residence of Mr. J. E. Sands, of this place, yesterday afternoon, and was buried this afternoon at Woodlawn cemetery.

WRECK OVER THE RIVER.

A Freight Train Wrecked west of Bellaire Last Night with Serious Results.

Intelligence reached the city late last night of a disastrous freight wreck on the Central Ohio division of the B. & O. road, west of Bellaire, by which two men were injured.

The east bound freight train, while going down the steep grade near the first bridge west of Bellaire parted, through the breaking of a coupling. The rear part of the broken train crashed into the portion attached to the engine, and the cars piled up on the bridge, which crosses the creek about a mile from town.

Two men who were on the train stealing a ride were badly hurt. One of them gave his name, and said he was a brother of Martin Cunney, who lives at No. 2506 Market street, in this city. The other man's name could not be learned. Cunney's arm was broken, and he suffered other injuries. His companion was also bruised up considerably.

The men were brought to the city hall at Bellaire, and a physician was called to attend to their wounds.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Year ushered in Without More than the Ordinary Hallelalou.

Yesterday was more generally observed as a holiday than the first day of the year usually is in Wheeling. Business, public and private, was generally suspended. There was not much of a celebration, outside of the social observances, but there was more or less shooting of fire-crackers all day, and last evening this thing became almost as great a nuisance as the same thing is annually on the Fourth of July. Boys and men fired off crackers on the sidewalks while ladies and gentlemen were trying to pass, and the annoyance was serious while it lasted, but fortunately it did not keep up till late in the night, as it habitually does on the Fourth.

Several of the churches gave entertainments which were postponed from Christmas for this reason. There were several social entertainments by different organizations, and the usual run of dinners and family feasts to mark the day as a holiday. The streets were full of people all day, and it was apparent to the most casual observer that all the toppers had not sworn off.

Fortunately the rain which was predicted held off till last night, and then it was not heavy enough to do any serious damage.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

Over 450 young men attended the reception tendered yesterday by the Y. M. C. A. at its hall. The reception commenced at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until 10 p. m. The members of the Ladies Auxiliary, about twenty in number, served the refreshments. Mayer's orchestra was stationed in the main hall and discoursed music.

One of the features of the afternoon was the performance of the ordinary class work by the different classes of the gymnasium department. In the evening an excellent musical and literary entertainment was among the attractions of the day. Some of the best amateur talent of the city contributed to make the entertainment a success.

Holiday Entertainment.

The Sunday school of the Fourth street M. E. church gave a very pleasant entertainment last night, and it was attended by a large audience. There was a short but attractive programme rendered, and Santa Claus did the honors. The little ones then received the annual treat, and they and the older folks as well enjoyed the evening as thoroughly as an evening has been enjoyed in Wheeling for a long time.

Interesting I. O. O. F. Meeting.

Wheeling Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., will hold an important meeting to-night at their hall